

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

STOUT, ROBERT L.

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METHODS OF DETERMINING CHRONIC

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Customer No.: 23,589

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Examiner: BROWN, Timothy M.

Commissioner of Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicant ROBERT L. STOUT, through his attorneys, hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) for a two-month extension of time in which to file a response to office action of May 5, 2005. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17, the amount of \$225.00 should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522 for the two-month fee.

In the event that the foregoing request or fee calculation is incorrect, this Petition should be construed as one for sufficient time to permit timely filing of the present reply. Any additional fee which is due in connection with this Petition should be applied against our Deposit Account No. 19-0522.

Respectfully submitted,

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